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Peterborough.

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# Annual Report

For the Year 1937

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND

Sanitary Inspector

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY.

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*Medical Officer of Health*—W. ANLEY HAWES, M.B., D.P.H.,  
London. Part time.

*District Medical Officers under the Poor Law Acts and Public  
Vaccinators*—

A. PAIN, M.R.C.S, L.R.C.P.	...	Eye District.
A. W. WATT, M.B., Ch. B	.....	Castor District.
C. V. THORNTON, M.B., Ch.B.	.....	Helpston District.
H. BOARDMAN, M.B., Ch. B.	.....	Newborough District

*Sanitary Inspector*—MR. C. GREEN, M.S.I.A., A.R.San.I.

Whole time officer, who, in addition, holds the  
appointments of Surveyor, Meat Inspector and  
Water Works Manager.

There are no Assistant Medical or other Special Medical Officers.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I herewith beg to submit my Annual Report, in accordance  
with the Ministry of Health Circular 1650, for the year 1937.

### **Section A. Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.**

Area (in Acres) 28,186 acres.

Population (1931 Census) 6,280.

Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1937) according to  
Rate Books, 1,784.

Rateable value, £16,984.

Sum represented by 1d. Rate, £70 15s. 4d.

The chief occupation of the inhabitants is agricultural, in  
addition a certain number of men are employed in a brick-yard  
at Eye and a Paper Mill at Helpston.

## Extracts from Vital Statistics for the Year.

LIVE BIRTHS.	Total	Males	Females
Legitimate	109	57	52
Illegitimate	9	5	4
	118	62	56
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population is 18.7.			
STILL BIRTHS.	Total	Males	Females
Legitimate	4	0	4
Illegitimate	1	0	1
	5	0	5
Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births is 40.3.			
DEATHS.	Total	Males	Females
	66	28	38
Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population			10.5
Deaths from puerperal causes			Nil.
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age :—			
All Infants per 1,000 live births			50.8
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 Legitimate live births			50.8
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate live births			Nil.
Deaths from Measles			Nil.
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)			Nil.
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)			1

No special causes of sickness or invalidity, no conditions of occupation or environment prejudicial to health have occurred during the year.

No instance of unemployment exercise an influence on health or physique has come to my notice.

## Section B. General Provision of Health Services of the Area.

### 1. (a) LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The Council provides the cost of bacteriological swabs of nose and throat, together with the initial dose of anti-diphtheric serum. The work is carried out in the Laboratories of the Peterborough Memorial Hospital and the Clinical Research Association, London.

Much use has been made of the advantage of this scheme by the local medical practitioners since its introduction last year, with great beneficial effect.

### (b) Ambulance Facilities.

Non Infectious remain the same.

Infectious. The Council has an arrangement for the hire of the Peterborough Isolation Hospital ambulance for conveyance of infectious cases to the Isolation Blocks of Stamford Infirmary.

- (c) Nursing in the Home.  
No provision is made by the Council for :—
  - (a) General Nursing, this being undertaken by the Local District Nursing Association.
  - (b) Nursing of infectious disease.
- (d) Treatment Centres and Clinics.  
No change. Provided by the County Council.
- (e) Hospitals.  
Non-infectious cases are admitted to the Peterborough Memorial Hospital.  
Infectious Diseases.  
Cases of Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Typhoid and Para-Typhoid are sent to the Isolation Blocks of Stamford, Rutland and General Infirmary. This Hospital guarantees 4 beds for a retaining fee of £20 per bed per annum, and a weekly charge of £3 3 0 per case together with the cost of serum and swabs. There has been adequate accommodation during the year.

### **Section C. Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.**

1. (i) Water. The scheme for a conducted supply of water, obtained from the Peterborough City Corporation, has been sanctioned by the Ministry, the work being in progress. This will provide every village in the area with an adequate and good supply of water.  
I would here draw attention to a particular difficulty existing in this area of fen land ; many of the farms are isolated and a considerable distance from the villages on the main pipe supply. The cost of taking the supply many hundred yards to one house is prohibitive, and yet these dwelling houses are in urgent need of good water, their sole supply being from highly contaminated open, road-side dykes, taking the land drainage and road washings. Only the acquired immunity of the inhabitants can account for the lack of serious epidemics.

No action has been taken as to existing supplies.

- (ii) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Eye. The sewerage scheme is satisfactory and adequate. Ailsworth and Castor. Night soil collected by cart.

In the other villages no collection is made, large numbers of vaults still being used ; in many instances the garden space available for burial of night soil being quite inadequate. The present state is unsatisfactory.

House Refuse. Conditions still the same and unsatisfactory. A scheme for the collection and disposal of house refuse in this district has, however, been agreed upon,

in conjunction with the Barnack Rural District, and will commence early in the new year.

2. RIVERS AND STREAMS. No action has been taken by the Authority with regard to the prevention of pollution of rivers.

3. (i) During the year there have been 6 conversions from the conservancy system to the water carriage system. There were 321 water closets and 1120 closets (pail or vault) in the district at the end of the year.

- (ii) (a) The method of collecting dry-house refuse. The Parish Council supervises the emptying of dustbins in Castor, Ailsworth, Helpston and Glinton. As before mentioned collection and disposal for whole district will be provided early in 1938.

- (b) The method of collecting refuse from earth closets and privies.

A soil cart is used by the Parish Council at Castor and Ailsworth.

- (c) The method of disposing of dry house refuse. Usually emptied into old pits or on dumps. (This will shortly be a controlled disposal).

- (d) The method of disposing refuse from earth closets and privies.

Usually emptied on farm lands.

- (e) The method of cleaning soak-aways. Owners usually clean their own soak-aways.

- (f) Arrangements for the disposal of soak-away contents. Usually on land.

- (iii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT.

- (a) Number of Inspections made—1587.

- (b) Number of Notices served, Statutory 0 ; Informal 71.

- (c) Result of such notices—3 outstanding at end of year.

- (iv) SMOKE ABATEMENT. No action taken.

- (v) Special Classes of Premises and Occupations, subject to Control by Local Authority.

There are no particular premises or occupations requiring control ; difficulty arises at times in connection with van dwellers.

- (vi) OTHER SANITARY CONDITIONS REQUIRING NOTICE. None.

- (vii) ERADICATION OF BED BUGS. No cases reported.

- (viii) RAG FLOCK ACTS, 1911 and 1928. Not applicable in this district.



4. SCHOOLS.
- Water Supply. Eye and Marholm have a conducted supply. Glinton and Helpston obtain water from village bore but will shortly have the piped supply.
- Sanitation. Remainder of villages from wells. Eye has a W.C. system. Glinton School has been re-organized and is now in excellent condition. The vaults have been converted to pail closets, the refuse disposal dealt with by the dessicated system. At the time of inspection the drying room was in excellent condition and without a trace of odour or nuisance. The remaining schools still have the vault system.

#### Section D. Housing.

Details of plans for the erection of new buildings are dealt with in the Sanitary Inspector's Report. The housing conditions, considered generally as a rural area, are satisfactory.

#### Housing Statistics.

1. Inspection of dwelling houses during the year :—
  - (i) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). 176
  - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose. 392
  - (ii) (a) Number of houses (included under sub-head (i) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925. 65
  - (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 189
  - (iii) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 1
  - (iv) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the previous sub-head (found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 65
2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices :—
 

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action taken by the Local Authority or their Officers 62
3. Action under the Statutory Powers during the year :—
  - A. Proceedings under sections 17, 18 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1930.

- (i) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs Nil.
- (ii) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—
  - (a) By owners Nil.
  - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners Nil.
- B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—
  - (i) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied Nil.
  - (ii) Number of houses in respect of which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—
    - (a) By owners Nil.
    - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners Nil.
- C. Proceedings under Sections 19 and 21 of the Housing Act, 1930 :—
  - (i) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made Nil.
  - (ii) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders Nil.
  - (iii) Number of dwelling houses demolished following informal action Nil.
- D. Proceedings under Section 20 of the Housing Act, 1930 :—
  - (i) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made Nil.
  - (ii) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit Nil.
- E. Proceedings under Section 3 of the Housing Act, 1925 :—
  - (i) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices became operative requiring repairs Nil.
  - (ii) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—
    - (a) By owners Nil.
    - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners Nil.

#### **Section E. Inspection and Supervision of Food.**

- (a) MILK SUPPLY. At the end of the year there were 79 producers of milk registered, and 2 purveyors. 54 Inspections of Dairies and Cowsheds were made, and the general condition of both animals and premises continue satisfactory.
- (b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS. There are 8 registered slaughter houses in the district. 352 Inspections were made and the general condition of the premises was found to be satisfactory.



## Section F. Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious and Other Diseases.

### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (other than Tuberculosis).

Disease.	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
Smallpox	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	2	2	0
Diphtheria	8	8	1
Enteric Fever (including para- typhoid)	1	1	
Puerperal Fever	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	0
Pneumonia	0	0	0
Erysipelas	0	0	0

There was one death from diphtheria, a boy aged 8.

There had been a marked reduction of notifiable infectious diseases during the year until December, when Diphtheria developed.

SCARLET FEVER. No epidemic of streptococcal infections occurred.

DIPHTHERIA. 2 Cases only reported during the year.  
8 Cases reported.

3 of these were nasal in type, which presented little local signs and very little general disturbance of health. All three were walking about. In one instance one nasal diphtheria infected the mother, one sister and one brother, the latter proving fatal.

All diphtheria, with the exception of nasal cases were of the gravis type, and occurred concurrently with prevalence in neighbouring large towns.

Many of the cases were not notified to their own doctors until the 2nd, 3rd or 4th day. When notified anti-toxin was given and all cases were moved to hospital immediately.

### HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION.

This has been adequate, there being ample accommodation at Stamford Infirmary Isolation Blocks. Cases can also be admitted to Peterborough City Isolation Hospital.

No requests have been received for admission of complicated un-notifiable infectious disease : a very limited number of cases could be admitted to Stamford.

No system of provision of artificial immunization or for measles serum is provided in the area.

Scarlet Fever cases notified per 1,000 population—  
0.3 England and Wales.

Diphtheria cases notified per 1,000 population—  
1.2 England and Wales.

Typhoid Fever cases notified per 1,000 population—  
0.1 England and Wales.

CANCER. The death return shows that 2 Males and 3 Females died of cancer during the year.

Facilities for treatment are only obtainable through the Local General Hospitals. No treatment centre or propaganda centre exist in the area.

PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS. No steps were taken by your Council.

TUBERCULOSIS. Under the control of the County Council.

The following table shows the age, sex and type of disease among new cases notified, together with the details of death from this cause :—

Age Periods.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Resp.		Non-Resp.		Resp.		Non-Resp.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0								
1								
5				1				
15								
25					1	1		
35					1			
45			1			1		
55								
65 and								
Upwards					1			

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

*M. O. H.*

M. O. H.

# Rural District Council of Peterborough

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## ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Sanitary Inspector, Building and Sanitary  
Surveyor, Inspector under the Petroleum  
Acts and Water Works Manager.

(For the year 1937).

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present for your consideration, my Annual Report for the Year 1937.

As far as practicable, the whole of the district was systematically inspected throughout the year ; and necessary action taken to deal with sanitary defects or nuisances discovered.

Details of work done follow under their respective headings ; but a considerable amount of time is taken up with matters which cannot be classified or tabulated. The activities of your Officer cover a wide field, and apart from developments in Public Health work and administration ; the time and work involved in the supervision and maintenance of Sewers, Sewerage Disposal Works, Pumping Stations, Waterworks, Parish Dykes and Drains, New Buildings and the repair work to the Council houses is considerable and with the completion of the New Water Supply Scheme and the commencement of a system of Refuse Collection and Disposal Scheme for the whole of the District ; these duties will be further increased. Your Officer has no Professional or Clerical assistance.

### **Inspections, Complaints, Notices.**

Inspections—1228. Re-Visits—343.

Complaints. 30 Formally received. Action was necessary in 29 cases.

Notices. 71 Informal Notices were served under the Public Health and Housing Acts.

### Nuisances abated and Sanitary Defects remedied.

New drains laid or partly relaid	8
Drains cleared, cleansed or repaired	3
New Vent Shafts fixed or repaired	6
Vaults converted to Pail or Chemical Closets	11
Vaults converted to W.Cs.	6
Additional E.Cs. provided	1
Additional W.Cs. provided	2
W.C. or E.C. buildings repaired	13
Floors repaired or re-newed	25
Windows repaired or made to open	28
Larders provided	4
Sinks and Baths provided	5
Wash-houses and coppers provided	8
Roofs repaired	23
R.W. pipes repaired or re-newed	5
Paving repaired or re-newed	12
Accumulations of Refuse removed	2
Miscellaneous nuisances abated	11

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### House Inspection.

Inspections of 173 houses were made, and a total of 386 visits were made for the purpose. The number of houses inspected included 65 House to House inspections which in practice means a detailed survey of the whole house, under the provisions of the appropriate Regulations. In many cases these inspections have resulted in works of repair and re-conditioning being carried out at no small expense to the Owners, but money thus spent is not wasted, but saves capital depreciation and further expense being incurred ; which neglect and decay always entail.

All repair work was carried out following interviews or Informal Notices and no Statutory Notices had to be served.

A timber framed bungalow at Newborough was demoilished after informal action.

### Overcrowding.

The survey and measurement of all Working Class cottages, in the district was completed during the year, with the result that 30 houses were found to be definitely overcrowded, as against 37 discovered under the preliminary survey.

30 Houses are now in course of erection to relieve this overcrowding.

### **Housing (Rural Workers) Act.**

The response to the Government's offer to give assistance to Owners by means of Grants or Loans in the re-conditioning of cottages has been very poor. Only one application was received during the year.

This was for re-conditioning three cottages at Newborough and the work is now in progress.

### **Infectious Diseases.**

The number of Infectious Disease Cases notified and dealt with by this Department during the year has been 11, distributed as follows :—

Parish.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Typhoid Fever.	Totals.
Helpston	1	1	—	2
Eye	—	—	1	1
Northborough	1	4	—	5
Marholm	—	1	—	1
Ailsworth	—	2	—	2
	2	8	1	11

The 4 cases of Diphtheria at Northborough were in one house.

19 Visits of inquiry were made and the usual inquiries respecting Contacts, Schools, Employee's, Milk Supply, etc., were made and recorded.

The number of rooms disinfected is as follows :—

Infectious Diseases	15
Non-notifiable Diseases	6
	—
	21
	—

### **Factories and Workshops.**

27 Workshops are on the Register, to which 16 visits were paid. With the exception of a Paper Mill at Helpston, a Mineral Water Factory and Poultry Appliance Works at Peakirk, and a Brick Works at Eye, they are all small, one man businesses and nothing has arisen during the year that calls for special report.

### **Shops Act (Section 10).**

The shops in the district with few exceptions are small general stores with living accommodation and nothing has arisen during the year that calls for special report.

### **Bakehouses.**

There are 7 bakehouses in the district and all are kept in a reasonably clean condition.

Verbal requests by your Officer to clean down or limewash are readily complied with.

42 Inspections were made during the year.

### Slaughter-Houses.

There are 8 slaughter-houses in the district and all are kept in a reasonably clean condition.

A slaughter house at Newborough which was structurally unsuitable, has been demolished and a new and more up-to-date building erected on the site.

352 Inspections of slaughter-houses were made during the year and a good percentage of the animals killed therein were inspected, but owing to the many calls on your Officer's time it is impossible to inspect every animal slaughtered.

### Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924.

Meat condemned, surrendered and destroyed.

As un-marketable :—

400 lb. Beef (bruised and septic) Slaughtered after accident.

1 Pig—6 stone (inflammation and Dropsy).

1 Lamb (Dropsical).

SUNDRIES.

Several pig's heads and eddible offal.

### Milk and Dairies Order, 1926.

COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

Particulars of the register for the year are :—

(1) Retail purveyors having registered premises in the district,	1
(2) Retail purveyors with premises outside the district, ...	2
(3) Producers (retail) having registered premises in the district	25
(4) Producers (wholesale) having registered premises in the district	20
(5) Producers (butter only) having registered premises in the district	33
	—
	81
	—

Registered during the year :—

Producers (Wholesale)	3
Producers (Retail)	1
	—
	4
	—

Licences cancelled during the year :—

Producers (Wholesale)	2
Producers (Retail)	1
	—
	3
	—



New Cowsheds erected during the year	3
New Dairies and can washing sheds	3

With few exceptions, the cowsheds and dairies in the district are well up to standard, and the cowkeepers generally, maintain a good standard of cleanliness.

514 Inspections of dairies and cowsheds were made during the year.

During the latter part of the year no inspections were made owing to an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease in the District.

#### Plans.

60 Plans have been submitted for approval during the year, as against 66 for the year 1936.

#### Housing and Buildings.

Plans have been deposited for dwelling houses to be erected by private enterprise distributed as follows :—

Glington, 9 ; Deeping Gate, 6 ; Eye, 26 ; Newborough, 2 ; Etton, 1 ; Helpston, 3 ; Maxey, 2 ; Northborough, 8 ; Marholm, 1. Total, 58.

The remaining plans were chiefly for Drainage Work and for additions to existing buildings.

The houses erected and completed during the year are distributed as follows :—

Eye, 7 ; Glington, 14 ; Deeping Gate, 5 ; Etton, 1 ; Helpston, 3 ; Northborough, 8 ; Peakirk, 4 ; Newborough, 2 ; Castor, 2. Total 46.

719 Inspections of New Buildings during course of erection were made during the year.

The number of houses erected in the district by private enterprise during the last 9 years are as follows :—

1929	10
1930	9
1931	4
1932	16
1933	18
1934	44
1935	50
1936	49
1937	46

Total	246
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Approximately 85 per cent. of these are small houses of the artisan class and are Owner occupied.

### **Housing Schemes.**

During the year under review, the erection of 30 houses spread over the district was commenced to relieve all known cases of overcrowding in the district.

The general repairs required from time to time to the existing Council houses are carried out by local builders under the direction and supervision of your Officer. This entails a considerable amount of work as the houses first have to be inspected to ascertain what work is required to be done, orders for the necessary work to be carried out have to be sent to the builder, the work has to be inspected upon completion, and the builders account checked and certified for payment.

During the year exterior decorations were carried out to the whole of the Council's houses at a cost of £492 15 0d.

The laying of a piped supply of water to all the Council Houses not already supplied was commenced towards the end of the year, and is proceeding satisfactory.

### **Drainage and Sewage Disposal.**

Eye is the only parish in the district with a proper system of sewage collection and disposal, but this does not extend all over the parish.

The remaining parishes rely on old drains to carry away both the surface water and waste water from the houses into the various dykes and water courses.

Proper systems of Sewage Collection and Disposal are required in most villages, but at present for financial reasons appear to be impossible. Probably in the very near future, some financial assistance similar to that given for schemes of water supply may be available for schemes of Sewage Collection and disposal, and in that case, no doubt the Council would take advantage of such help, as they have done to provide a piped supply of water to the whole of their district.

In the meantime, every endeavour is being made by the Council to improve existing drainage systems in the district, and during the last few years, they have ; with the co-operation of the Soke of Peterborough County Council, relaid many of the old stone drains with sanitary pipes, including all necessary chambers for cleansing purposes, and catchpits to intercept solids, so as to prevent as far as possible their ingress into the various dykes and water courses.

Approximate figures as to the amount of effluent dealt with at the Pumping Stations and Sewage Disposal Works at Eye are as follows :—

### **West End Pumping Station.**

Number of times motors worked	4,014.
Effluent pumped	3,688,078 gallons.

### **Eye Green Pumping Station.**

Number of times motors worked	4,659.
Effluent pumped	1,358,000 gallons.

### **Sewerage Disposal Works.**

Approximate amount of sewage dealt with but excluding that discharged into storm-water tanks 7,654,000 gallons.

Most of the sewers are on the "Combined" system and the heavy rainfall during the year account for the increase in the amount of effluent dealt with.

### **Parish Dykes.**

A certain amount of work has been carried out to the dykes at Eye and Marholm during the year but it is very difficult to get men who are used to this class of work.

### **Scavenging.**

During the year under review there has been no change or improvement in the methods of refuse collection in the district but a scheme has, during the current year, been formulated in conjunction with the Barnack Rural District Council whereby a proper system of Refuse Collection and Disposal will be provided for the whole of the two districts, upon terms and conditions agreed to by both Councils. Investigations were made as to the possibility of carrying out the work by direct labour, but for various reasons this was not practicable and the work is to be carried out by Contract and will have been commenced before this Report is in print.

The collection of night soil in the parishes of Castor and Ailsworth is carried out by Contract and no complaints have been received.

A similar collection in several other parishes in the district is very desirable.

### **Water Supplies.**

The supplies from the Peterborough Corporation Mains has been well maintained.

#### **Eye.**

The quantity of water purchased from the Peterborough Corporation during the year has been 7,363,000 gallons, as against 6,931,000 gallons for the year 1936, and increase of 432,000 gallons. This increase is due to the extension of the mains and the erection of new houses in the parish.

### **Marholm.**

The quantity of water purchased from the Peterborough Corporation during the year has been 1,504,000 gallons as against 1,350,000 gallons for the year 1936, an increase of 154,000 gallons.

### **Glington** (Housing Scheme only).

The quantity purchased during the year has been 568,000 gallons, as against 276,000 gallons for the year 1936, an increase of 292,000 gallons. The Peterborough Corporation fixed another meter during the year as the existing one was not registering properly and this no doubt accounts for the increase.

### **Northborough** (Housing Scheme only).

The quantity purchased during the year has been 94,000 gallons as against 49,000 gallons for the year 1936, an increase of 45,000 gallons. Here again a new meter was fixed and this accounts for the increase.

The total quantity of water purchased from the Peterborough Corporation during the year (excluding that used in connection with the New Water Scheme) has been 9,529,000 gallons, as against 8,540,000 gallons for the year 1936, a total increase of 989,000 gallons.

The New Water Supply Scheme to provide a piped supply of water to every accessible part of the district was commenced during the year. The work has proceeded in a very satisfactory manner and will be completed and in operation before this Report is in print. Several additions have been made to the original scheme and no part of the district where it is at all possible to make provision has been omitted from the scheme.

When the scheme is completed approximately 40 miles of water mains will have been laid.

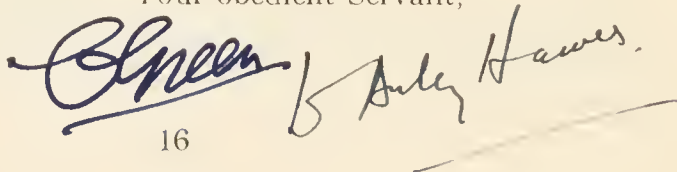
### **Petroleum Acts.**

Periodical inspections of premises used for the storage of Petroleum Spirit were made during the year, the conditions required under the Acts, being in all cases complied with.

24 Licences were issued during the year and fees amounting to £13 5s. 0d. collected.

I am, Sir and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

March, 1938.

  
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